

*Adjourned Meeting, February 28, 1896.*

The Vice-President, Dr. PEPPER, in the Chair.

Letters of envoy from the Verein für Schlesische Insektenkunde, Breslau, Prussia; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Société des Sciences Physiques et Naturelles, Bordeaux, France; Université de Lyon, France; Faculté des Sciences, Marseilles, France; Meteorological Office, British Association for Advancement of Science, R. Statistical Society, London, Eng.; Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill.; State Librarian, Washington, D. C.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from the South African Philosophical Society, Cape Town (143, 146, 147); Royal Society of Victoria (143, 146); Royal Mint, Melbourne, Australia (143, 146); K. Norske Videnskabers Selskab, Thronhjelm, Norway (147); Royal Society of Sciences, Upsal, Sweden (143, 146, 147, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); R. Danske Videnskabernes Selskab, Copenhagen (147, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2); Verein der Freunde der Naturgeschichte, Mecklenburg, Germany (147); R. Istituto Lombardo di Scienze e Lettere, Milan, Italy (147); Accademia R. delle Scienze, Torino, Italia (147); Académie des Sciences et Belles-Lettres, Angers, France (143, 147); Société N. des Sciences Nat. et Mathématiques, Cherbourg, France (143, 144, 146); Université de Lyon, France (147); Nova Scotia Society of Natural Science, Halifax (148); Public Library, Boston, Mass. (148); Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. (148); Free Public Library, New Bedford, Mass. (148); Mercantile Library (148), Mrs. Helen Abbott Michael (148), Mr. William A. Ingham (147, 148), Hon. James T. Mitchell, Dr. C. N. Peirce, Messrs. Coleman Sellers, Samuel Wagner, Philadelphia (148); Lackawanna Institute of History and Science, Scranton, Pa. (148); Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore (148); Smithsonian Institution (452 packages), U. S. Geological Survey (147, 148, and *Trans.*, xviii, 2), U. S. Naval Observatory, U. S. Patent Office, Surgeon-General's Office,

Coast and Geodetic Survey, U. S. Weather Bureau, Dr. W. J. Hoffman, Rt. Rev. John J. Keane, Prof. Charles A. Schott, Washington, D. C. (148); Prof. E. W. Claypole, Akron, O. (147); Prof. G. W. Hough, Evanston, Ill. (148); Editor of *Kansas University Quarterly*, Lawrence (145, 146, 147); University of Wyoming, Laramie (148); Agricultural Experiment Stations, Raleigh, N. C. (148); Auburn, Ala. (148); Agricultural College, Michigan (145); Observatorio Astronomico de Tacubaya, Mexico (148); Mariano Barcena, Mexico, Mex. (148); Observatorio Meteorologico Central, Xalapa, Mexico (148).

Accessions to the Library were reported from the Royal Society of S. Australia, Adelaide; Académie R. des Sciences, etc., Copenhagen, Denmark; Nederland, Maatschappij bevorderend Nijverheid, Amsterdam; Geschichtsvereins, Aachen, Prussia; Naturhist. Verein der Preuss. Rheinlande, etc., Niederrhein. Gesellschaft, Bonn, Prussia; Verein für Schlesische Insektenkunde, Breslau, Prussia; Oberlausitz. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Görlitz, Prussia; Mr. Augustus R. Grote, Hildesheim, Prussia; K. Sächsische Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften, Leipzig; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Anthropologie, etc., Munich, Bavaria; R. Accademia di Scienze, etc., Modena, Italy; Società R. di Napoli, Italia; R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome, Italy; R. Accademia delle Scienze, R. Osservatorio, Turin, Italy; Université de Lyon, France; Faculté des Sciences, Marseilles, France; Prof. Gabriel de Mortillet, St. Germain-en-Laye, France; R. Statistical Society, British Association for Advancement of Science, Society of Arts, Zoölogical Society, Meteorological Council, Society of Antiquaries, London, Eng.; Royal Geological Society of Cornwall, Penzance, Eng.; Nat. History and Philosophical Society, Belfast, Ireland; Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland; Philosophical Society, Glasgow, Scotland; Geological Survey of Canada, Ottawa; Athenæum, Boston, Mass.; Public Library, Salem, Mass.; Amer. Chemical Society, Amer. Museum Nat. History, New York, N. Y.; Central Library, Syracuse, N. Y.; Historical and

Library Association, Yonkers, N. Y.; Amer. Chemical Society, Amer. Academy of Medicine, Easton, Pa.; Penna. Society to Prevent Cruelty to Animals, Girard College, Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Mercantile Library, Penna. Forestry Association, Messrs. Guy Hinsdale, William A. Ingham, Edmund J. James, J. G. Rosengarten, Julius F. Sachse, Philadelphia; Enoch Pratt Free Library, Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.; Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; University of Virginia, Prof. J. W. Mallet, Charlottesville, Va.; Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va., Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society, Chapel Hill; Mr. Charles Gildehaus, St. Louis, Mo.; Michigan Mining School, Houghton; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Kingston, R. I.; Albany, N. Y.; Geneva, N. Y.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Agricultural College, Miss., Knoxville, Tenn.; Denison University, Granville, O.; Agricultural Experiment Station, Lexington, Ky.; Iowa State Historical Society, Iowa City; Kansas University, Lawrence; Agricultural College, etc., Cheyenne, Wyo.; Colorado Scientific Society, Denver; Agricultural Experiment Stations, Fort Collins, Colo.; Tucson, Ariz.; Asociacion de Ingenieros, etc., Observatorio Meteorológico Central, Instituto Geológico, Mexico, Mex.; Observatorio Astronomico, Quito, Mex.; Sociedad Cientifica Argentina, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, S. A.; Museo de La Plata, Argentine Republic, S. A.

A circular letter from the Naturhistorisch. Vereine der Preussischen Rheinlande, Westfalens und des Regierungsbezirks Osnabrück, Prussia, announced the death of its Secretary, Prof. Dr. Philipp Bertkau.

The Council reported that at the meeting held February 14 the Committee on Premiums had been named, to consist of Messrs. Pepper, Frazer, Ingham, DuBois, Morris, Wistar and Tatham.

Propositions for membership 1332 and 1334 were recommended to be postponed for further information, and 1335 and 1344 were recommended for approval.

It was recommended that the first meetings in February,

May and November be designated for the presentation and free discussion of subjects of broad philosophic interest, and that a Committee of five be appointed to make the necessary preparations therefor.

The recommendations of the Board of Officers and Council were approved and the Chairman referred the appointment of the Committee to the President of the Society.

The following deaths were announced :

Hon. Henry Reed, Philadelphia, February 23, 1896, æt. 49.

Dr. Owen Jones Wister, Philadelphia, February 24, 1896, æt. 70.

The President, by letter, announced that he had appointed J. G. Rosengarten to prepare the obituary of Rev. W. H. Furness, D.D., and that the appointment had been accepted.

The stated business of the meeting being the election of members, the nominations were spoken to, and the ballots cast, Secretaries Frazer and DuBois acting as Tellers.

The following papers were presented for publication in the *Transactions* of the Society :

An essay on "The Development of the Mouth Parts of Certain Insects," by J. B. Smith, Sc.D.

"A New Method of Determining the Perturbations of the Minor Planets," by Wm. McKnight Ritter, M.A."

On motion, referred to Committees for examination and report.

The Tellers being prepared to report, announced that

2278. Dr. A. E. Kennelly, Philadelphia ;

2279. Wm. Pitts Mason, Troy, N. Y. ;

2280. Rev. H. C. McCook, Philadelphia ;

2281. Henry Pettit, Overbrook, Pa. ;

had been elected.

The Society, on motion, adjourned.